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Exterior Trim - Civic (All Except Hybrid)

FRONT GRILLE REPLACEMENT

NOTE: Refer to the EXTERIOR TRIM (GX) (SUPPLEMENT) article for additional information for the GX model.

2-DOOR (EXCEPT SI MODEL)

NOTE: Take care not to scratch the bumper and grille.

1. Remove the front bumper (see **FRONT BUMPER REMOVAL/INSTALLATION**).
2. Remove the screws, and remove the front grille (A) from the front bumper (B).

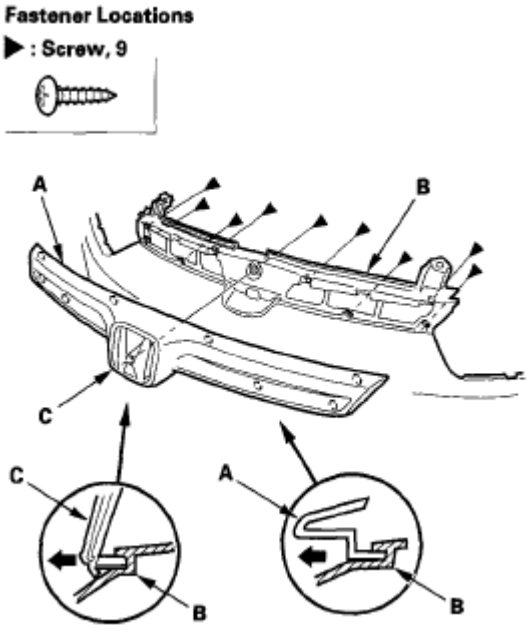

Fig. 1: Identifying Front Bumper Front Grille

3. If emblem (C) replacement is necessary, refer to **EMBLEM/STICKER REPLACEMENT** .
4. Install the grille in the reverse order of removal.

4-DOOR (EXCEPT SI MODEL)

NOTE: Take care not to scratch the bumper and grille.

1. Remove the front bumper (see **FRONT BUMPER REMOVAL/INSTALLATION**).
2. Remove the nuts, and release the hooks (A), then remove the front grille (B) from the front bumper (C).

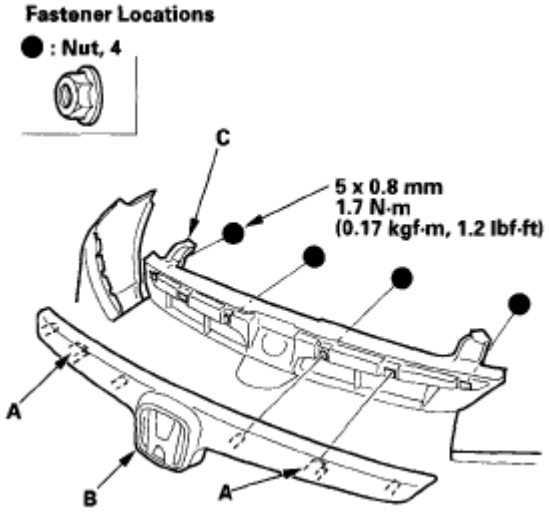

Fig. 2: Removing Front Grille From Front Bumper (With Specifications)

3. If necessary, remove the screw, and release the hooks, then remove the front emblem base (A) from the front grille (B).

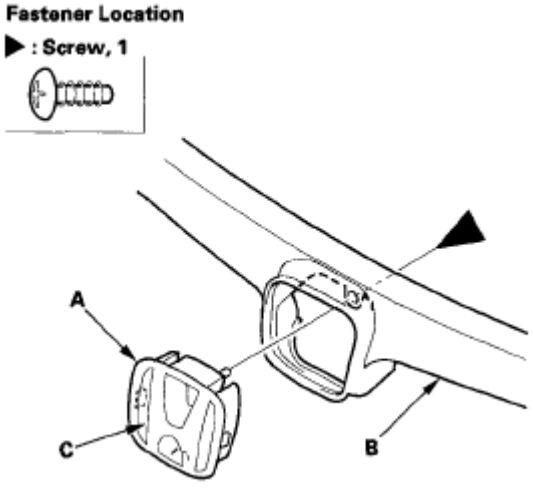

Fig. 3: Removing Front Emblem Base From Front Grille

4. If emblem (C) replacement is necessary, refer to **EMBLEM/STICKER REPLACEMENT** .
5. Install the grille in the reverse order of removal.

SI MODEL

NOTE: Take care not to scratch the bumper and grille.

1. Remove the front bumper (see **FRONT BUMPER REMOVAL/INSTALLATION**).
2. Remove the screws, and remove the front grille (A) from the front bumper (B).

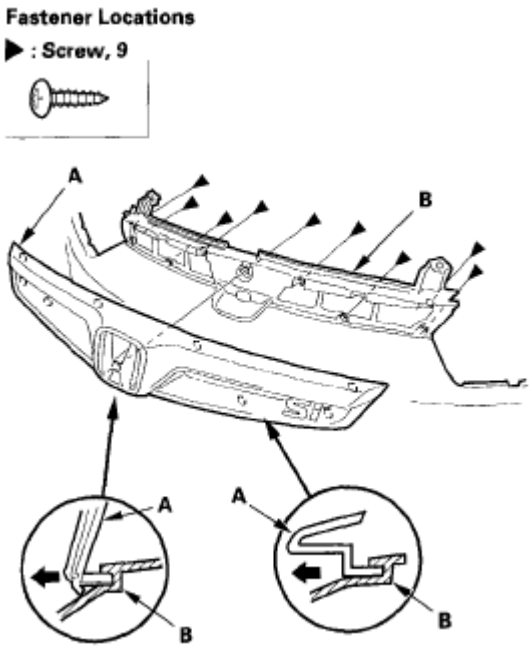

Fig. 4: Removing Front Grille From Front Bumper

3. Remove the screws, then separate the front grille molding (A) and the front grille base (B).

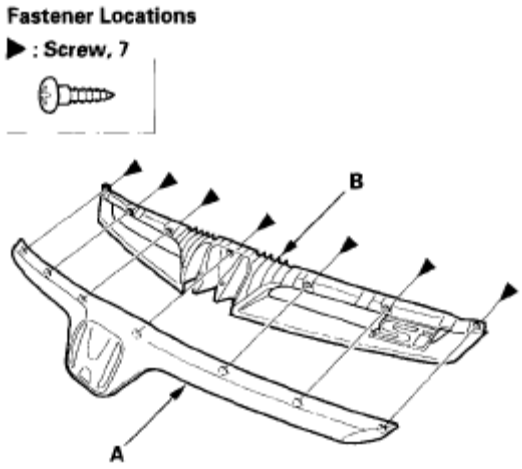

Fig. 5: Separating Front Grille Molding And Front Grille Base

4. If emblems replacement is necessary, refer to **EMBLEM/STICKER REPLACEMENT** .
5. Install the grille in the reverse order of removal.

FRONT FENDER TRIM REPLACEMENT

NOTE:

- **Take care not to scratch the fender trim and body.**
- **When removing components, use the trim tool or equivalent.**

1. Move the steering fluid reservoir (A) as needed.

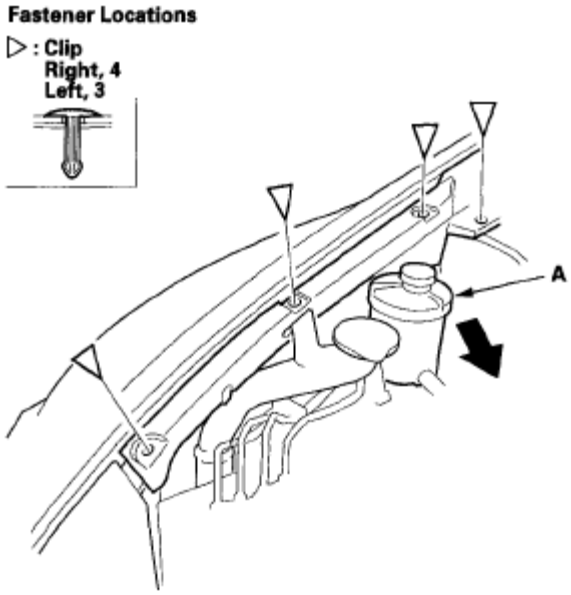

Fig. 6: Moving Steering Fluid Reservoir

2. Remove the clips.
3. Disconnect the washer mouth (A) from the washer reservoir (B). Release the hook (C), then remove the front fender trim (D) and the washer mouth.

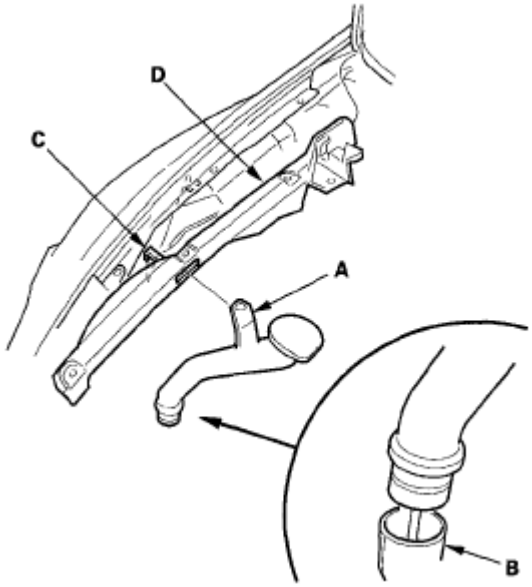

Fig. 7: Disconnecting Washer Mouth From Washer Reservoir

4. Install the fender trim in the reverse order of removal, and note these items:

- Replace the clips (A) with new ones.
- Push the clips into place securely.

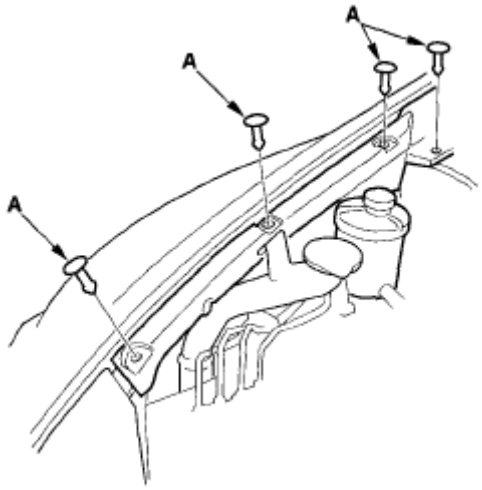

Fig. 8: Installing Fender Trim

FRONT GRILLE COVER REPLACEMENT

NOTE:
- **When prying with a flat-tip screwdriver, wrap it with protective tape to prevent damage.**
- **Take care not to scratch the rear bumper and body.**

1. Remove the front fender trim from both sides (see **FRONT FENDER TRIM REPLACEMENT**).
2. Remove the clips by carefully pulling the front grille cover (A) up, then remove the cover by releasing the front edge of the cover from the grille (B). Take care not to scratch the body.

NOTE: To remove the clips, pry the inner clip up at the edge near the line (C) on its head.

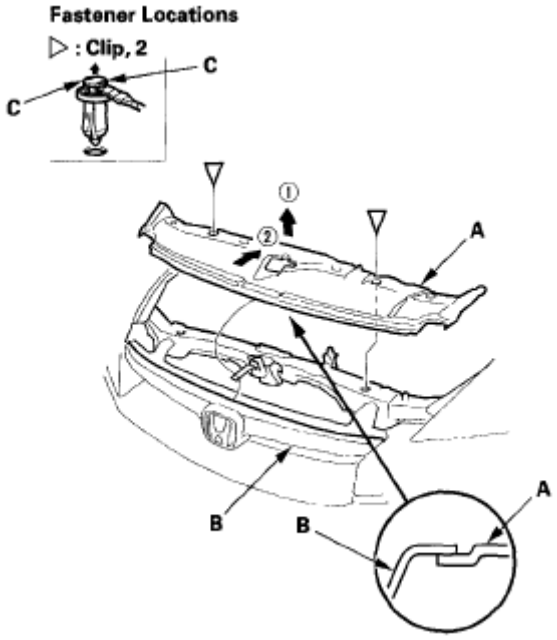

Fig. 9: Removing Cover By Releasing Front Edge Of Cover From Grille

3. Install the covers in the reverse order of removal, and note these items:
   - Check if the clips are damaged or stress-whitened, and if necessary, replace them with new ones.
   - Push the clip portions into place securely.

COWL COVER REPLACEMENT

NOTE: Take care not to scratch the body.

1. Turn on the wiper switch, and move the windshield wiper arms 90°.
2. Remove the center cowl cover (A).
   - 1 Remove the hood rear seal (B) by pulling it out.
   - 2 Remove the clips (C).
   - 3 Release three front hooks (D) from the edge of the under-cowl panel (E).
   - 4 Detach the clips (F, G) by carefully pulling the cover up, then remove the cover by releasing the hooks (H). Take care not to scratch the body.

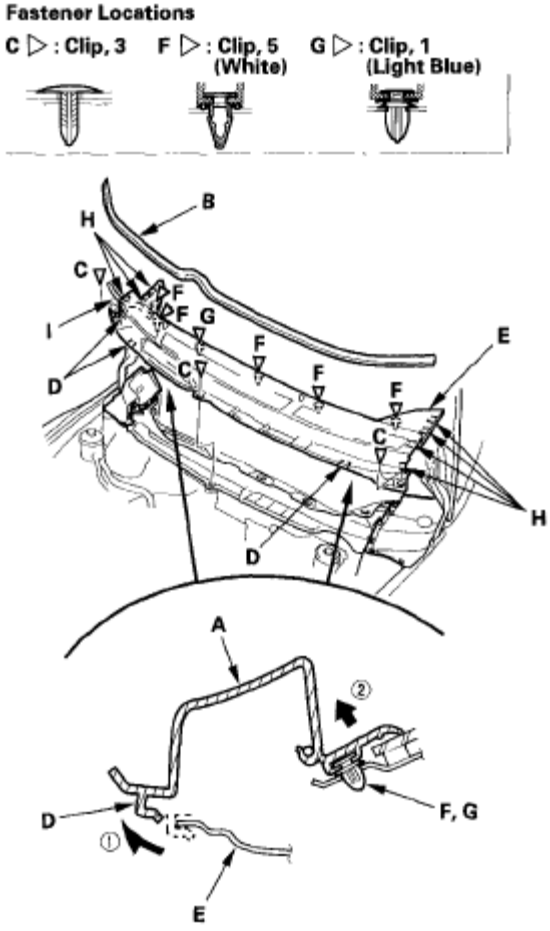

Fig. 10: Removing Center Cowl Cover

3. Disconnect the windshield washer tube (I).
4. If necessary, remove the bolts (A, B), then remove the under-cowl panel (C).

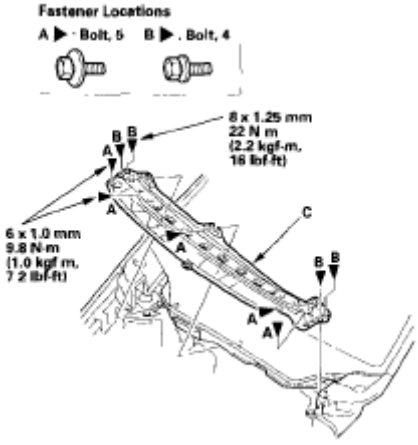

Fig. 11: Removing Under-Cowl Panel (With Specifications)

5. Remove these items:
   - Windshield wiper arms:
     - 2-door (see **2-DOOR**)
     - 4-door (see **WIPER MOTOR REPLACEMENT**)
   - Front fender trim, both sides (see **FRONT FENDER TRIM REPLACEMENT**)
6. Detach the clips by carefully pulling the side cowl cover (A) up, then remove the cover by releasing the hooks (B) from the front fender. Take care not to scratch the body. Repeat this step for the other side cowl cover, and disconnect the windshield washer tube.

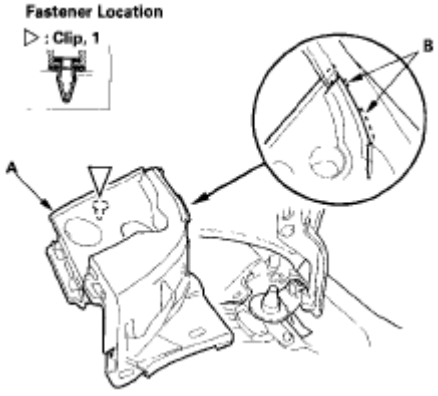

Fig. 12: Removing Cover By Releasing Hooks Form Front Fender

7. Install the parts in the reverse order of removal, and note these items:
   - Check if the clips are damaged or stress-whitened, and if necessary, replace them with new ones.
   - Make sure the washer tubes are connected securely.
   - Push the clips into place securely.

ROOF MOLDING REPLACEMENT

Special Tools Required

KTC trim tool set SOJATP2014 *

* Available through the American Honda Tool and Equipment Program; call 888-424-6857

MOLDING REPLACEMENT - 2-DOOR

NOTE:

- **Put on gloves to protect your hands.**
- **Take care not to damage the windshield.**
- **Do not use any metallic tools to remove the roof molding, or you may chip the edge of the windshield and some cracks in the windshield will occur.**
- **Use the appropriate tool from the KTC trim tool set to avoid damage when prying components.**
- **Take care not to bend the roof molding.**

1. Remove the cowl cover (see **COWL COVER REPLACEMENT**).
2. Detach the bottom clip (A) at the lower corner of the windshield.

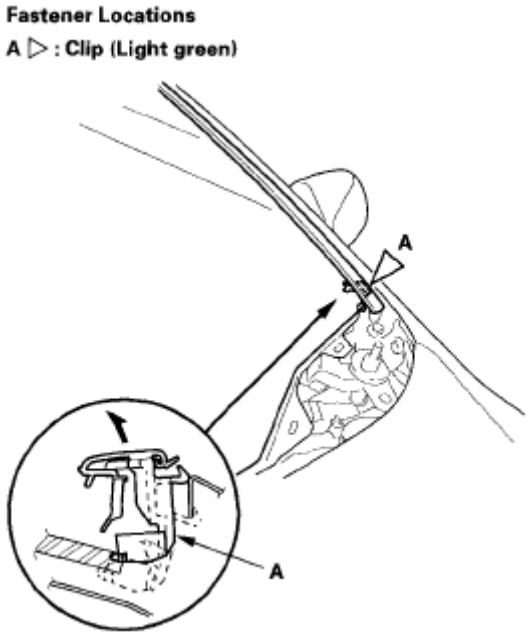

Fig. 13: Detaching Bottom Clip At Lower Corner Of Windshield

3. Remove the windshield portion of the roof molding (A).
   - 1 Carefully insert a trim tool (B) under the molding next to the lower clip

(C).

- 2 While pulling the clip portion of the molding up by hand, push each of the small hooks (D) to release the clip from the retainer (E). Do not try to pry up the clip if it is hard to release from the retainer.
- 3 Gradually work your way up to release each of the clips.

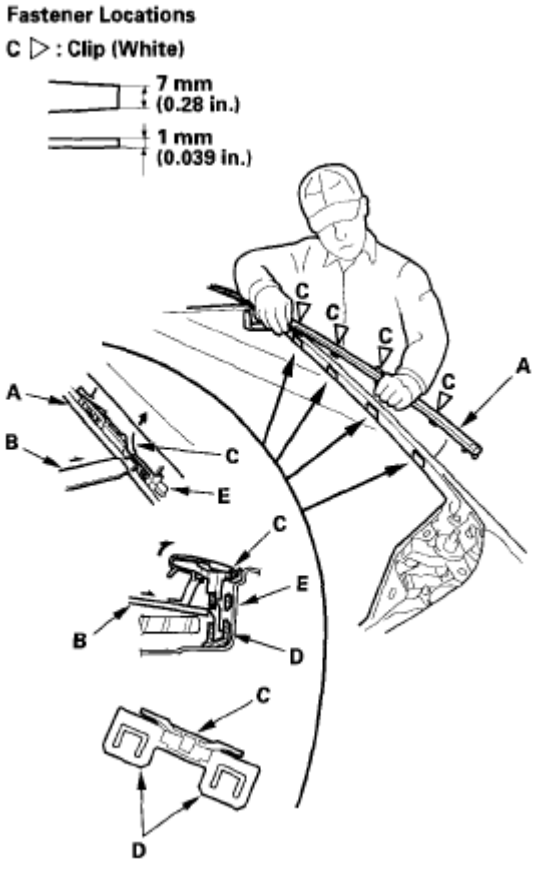

Fig. 14: Removing Windshield Portion Of Roof Molding (With Specifications)

4. Pull up the middle portion of the roof molding (A) to release it from the retainers (B).

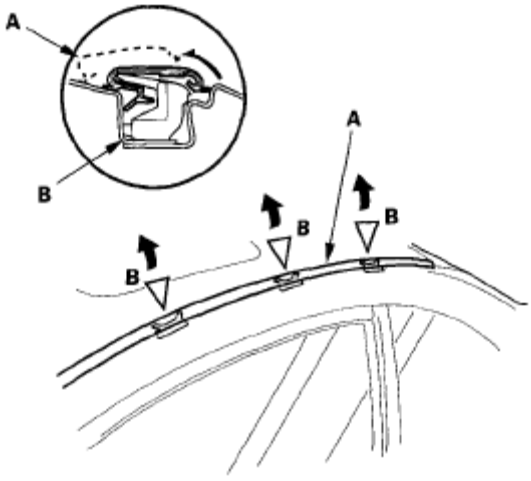

Fig. 15: Pulling Up Middle Portion Of Roof Molding

5. Pull up and release the rear end of the roof molding (A) from the pin (B), then remove the roof molding.

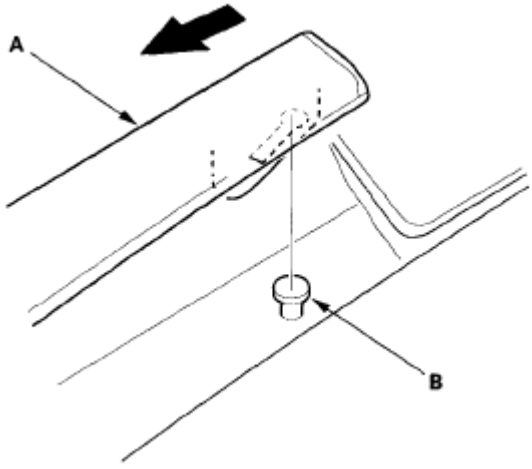

Fig. 16: Releasing Rear End Of Roof Molding

6. Install the molding in the reverse order of removal, and note these items:
   - Make sure the roof molding is installed securely.
   - Check if the clips are damaged or stress-whitened, and if necessary, replace them with new ones.

MOLDING REPLACEMENT - 4-DOOR

NOTE:

- **Put on gloves to protect your hands.**
- **Take care not to damage the windshield.**
- **Do not use any metallic tools to remove the roof molding, or you may chip the edge of the windshield and some cracks in the windshield will occur.**
- **Use the appropriate tool from the KTC trim tool set to avoid damage when prying components.**
- **Take care not to bend the roof molding.**

1. Remove the cowl cover (see **COWL COVER REPLACEMENT**).
2. Detach the bottom clip (A) at the lower corner of the windshield.

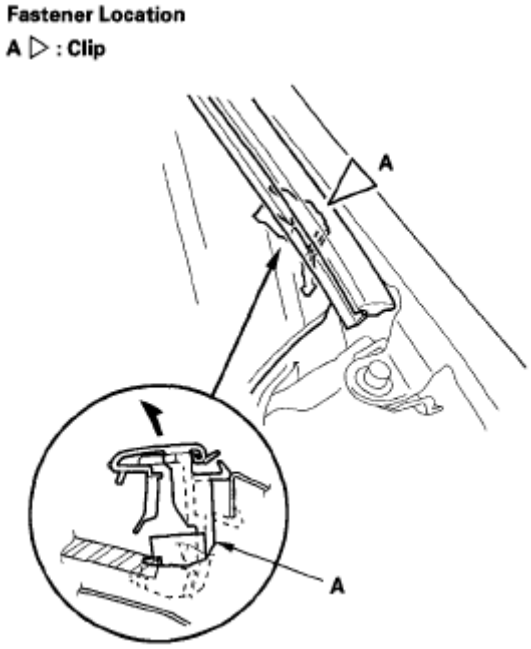

Fig. 17: Detaching Bottom Clip At Lower Corner Of Windshield

3. Remove the windshield portion of the roof molding (A).
   - 1 Carefully insert a plastic spatula (B) in under the molding next to the lower clip (C).
   - 2 While pulling the clip portion of the molding up by hand, push hooks (D) to release the clip from the retainer (E). Do not try to pry up the clip if it is hard to release from the retainer.

- 3 Gradually work your way up to release each of the clips (F, G).

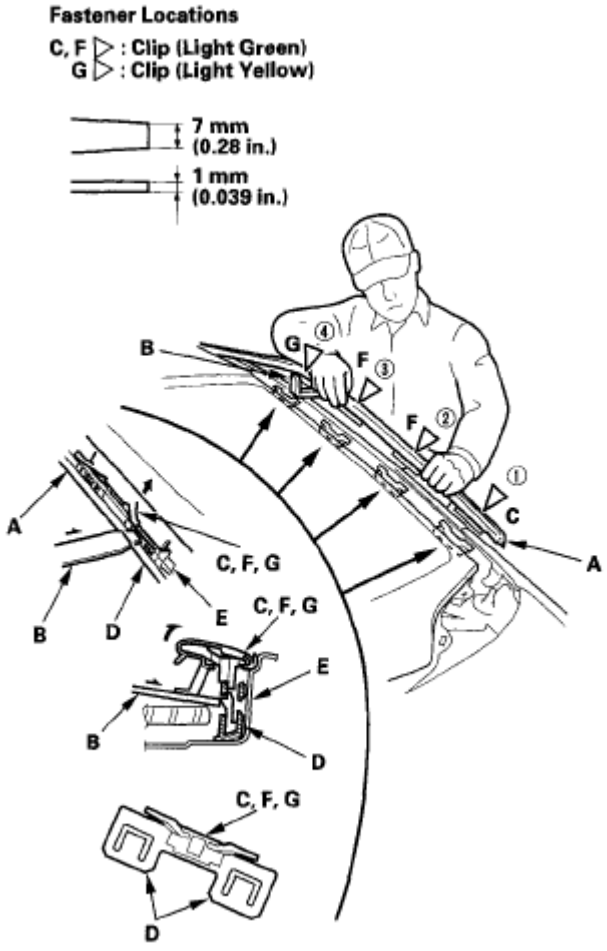

Fig. 18: Removing Windshield Portion Of Roof Molding (With Specifications)

4. Pull up the middle portion of the roof molding (A) to release it from the retainers (B).

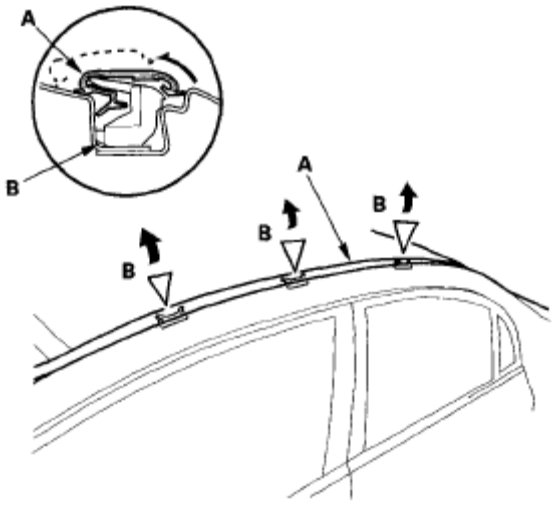

Fig. 19: Pulling Up Middle Portion Of Roof Molding

5. Pull up and release the rear end of the roof molding (A) from the pin (B), then remove the roof molding.

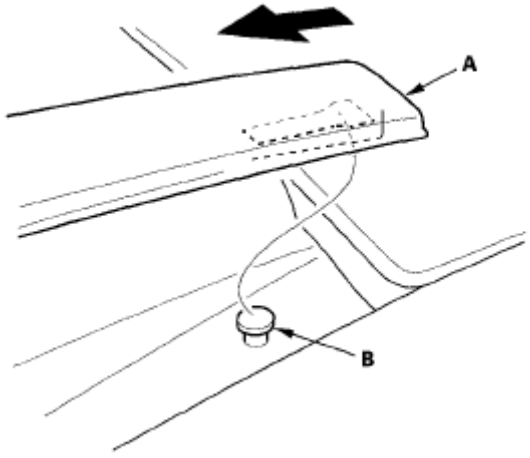

Fig. 20: Releasing Rear End Of Roof Molding From Pin

6. Install the molding in the reverse order of removal, and note these items:
   - Make sure the roof molding is installed securely.
   - Check if the clips are damaged or stress-whitened, and if necessary, replace them with new ones.

RETAINER REPLACEMENT

1. While prying the middle hook (A) with a flat-tip screwdriver, slide the upper

retainer (C), upward to release them from the T-studs (D) on the A-pillar and roof drip portion. Take care not to scratch the body.

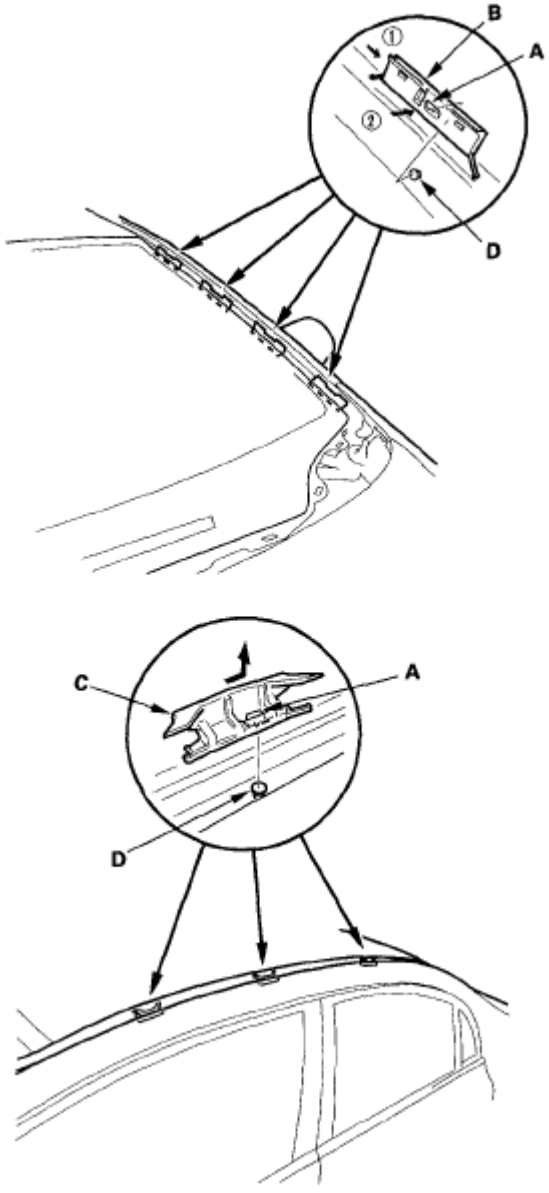

Fig. 21: Sliding Upper Retainer Upward To Release

2. Install the retainers in the reverse order removal.

A-PILLAR CORNER TRIM REPLACEMENT

2-DOOR

1. Open the front door.
2. Wrap a flat-tip screwdriver with protective tape, and apply protective tape around the body to prevent damage. Carefully insert a flat-tip screwdriver trim tool next to the upper clip, and detach the clip by prying on the A-pillar corner trim (A). Take care not to scratch the body and related parts.

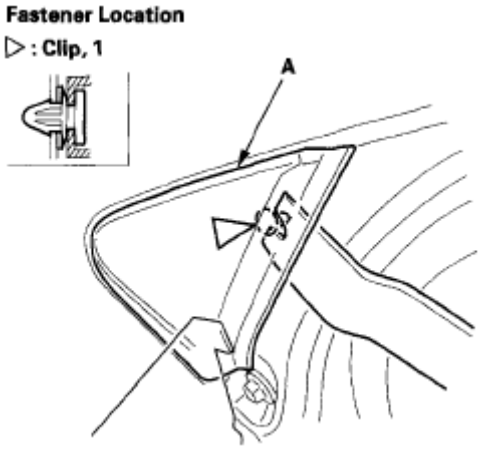

Fig. 22: Prying A-Pillar Corner Trim

3. Pull the A-pillar corner trim (A) back by hand to detach remaining lower clips, then remove the trim.

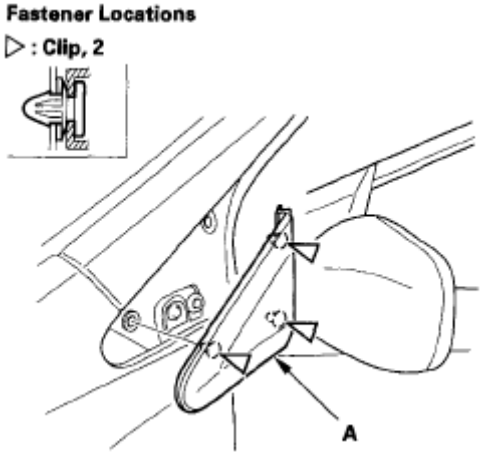

Fig. 23: Removing A-Pillar Corner Trim

4. Install the trim in the reverse order of removal, and note these items:
    - Check if the clips are damaged or stress-whitened, and if necessary,

replace them with new ones.

- Push the clip portions into place securely.

DOOR MOLDING REPLACEMENT

4-DOOR

NOTE:

- **Be careful not to pry too far or you may bend the molding.**
- **Put on gloves to protect your hands.**
- **When removing components, use the trim tool or equivalent.**

1. Remove these items:
   - Front door panel (see **FRONT DOOR PANEL REMOVAL/INSTALLATION**) and plastic cover (see step 4 in **FRONT DOOR OUTER HANDLE REPLACEMENT**)
   - Rear door panel (see **REAR DOOR PANEL REMOVAL/INSTALLATION**) and plastic cover (see step 4 in **REAR DOOR OUTER HANDLE REPLACEMENT**)
2. Release the clips (A), and gently pry the front door molding (B) or rear door molding (C) away from the door while separating the adhesive tape (D, E, F, G).

   Adhesive tape (D): Thickness 1.2 mm (0.047 in.) Width 5 mm (0.2 in.) Length 30 mm (1.2 in.)

   Adhesive tape (E): Thickness 1.2 mm (0.047 in.) Width 10 mm (0.39 in.) Length 930 mm (36.6 in.)

   Adhesive tape (F): Thickness 1.2 mm (0.047 in.) Width 10 mm (0.39 in.) Length 580 mm (22.8 in.)

   Adhesive tape (G): Thickness 1.2 mm (0.047 in.) Width 5 mm (0.2 in.) Length 24 mm (0.94 in.)

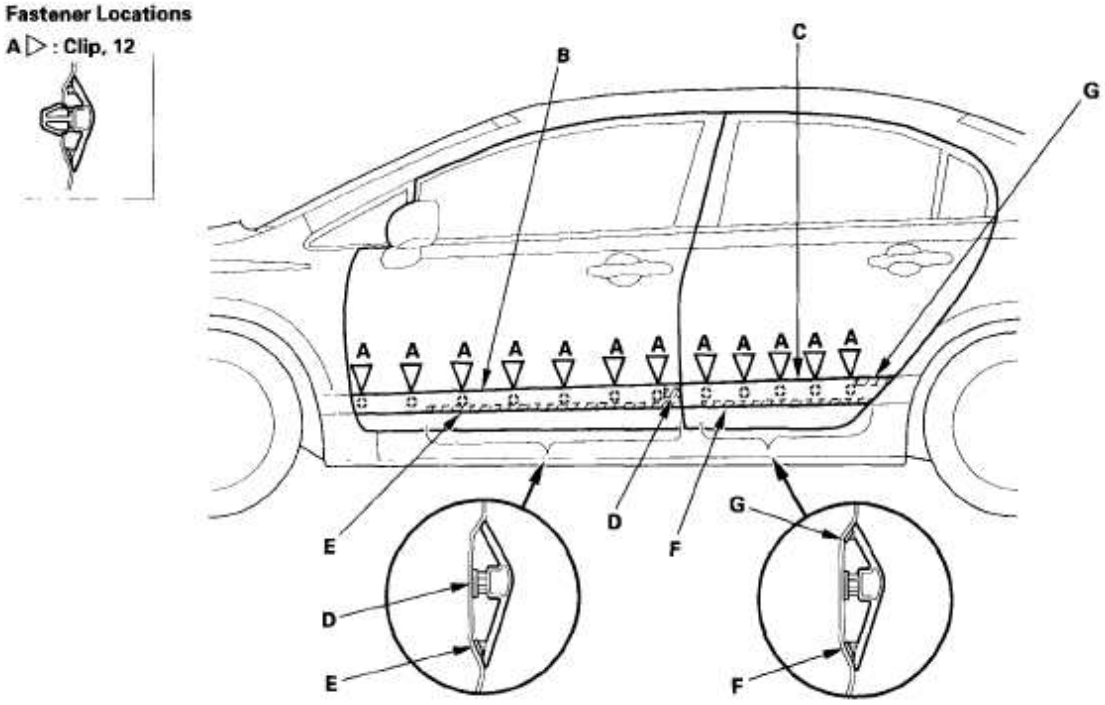

Fig. 24: Releasing Clips And Prying Front Door Molding Or Rear Door Molding

3. Install the moldings in the reverse order of removal, check if the clips are damaged or stress-whitened, and if necessary, replace them with new ones.

SIDE SILL PROTECTION TAPE REPLACEMENT

4-DOOR

1. Slowly peel up the old side sill protection tape.
2. Clean the body bonding surface with a sponge dampened in alcohol. After cleaning, keep oil, grease, and water from getting on the surface.
3. Peel the adhesive backing from the side sill protection tape.
4. Align the alignment marks (A) of the side sill protection tape (B) with the body line (C), and align the alignment marks (D) of the application tape (E) with the convex portion (F), then press the side sill protection tape into place.

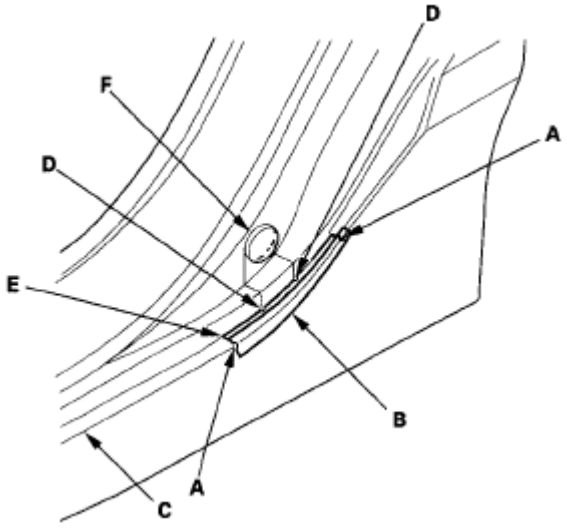

Fig. 25: Replacing Side Sill Protection Tape

REAR LICENSE TRIM REPLACEMENT

2-DOOR

NOTE: Put on gloves to protect your hands.

1. From inside the trunk lid, remove the nuts (A) securing the rear license trim (B), and push out the clips (C).

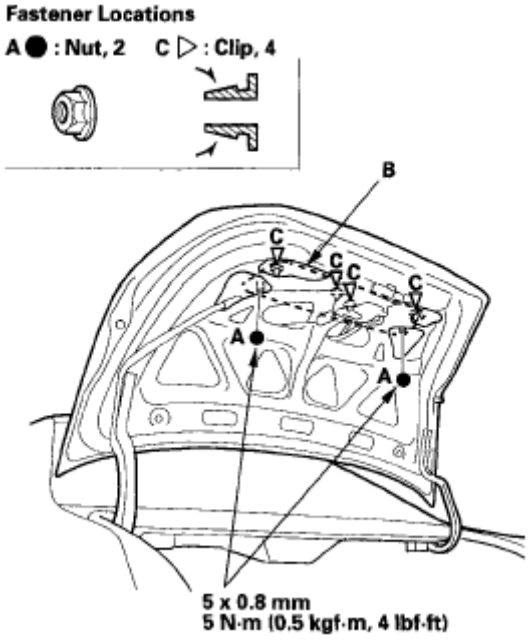

Fig. 26: Removing Rear License Trim Nuts (With Specifications)

2. Gently close the trunk lid, release the clip, and pull the rear license trim (A) out to detach the clips, then remove the trim. Take care not to scratch the trunk lid.

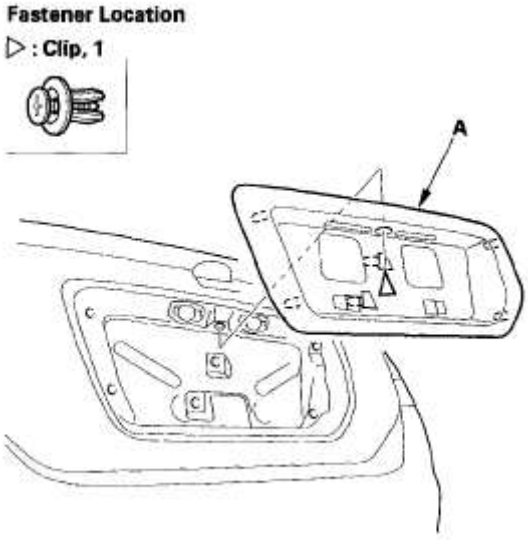

Fig. 27: Pulling Rear License Trim Out To Detach Clips

3. Install the trim in the reverse order of removal, and note these items:
   - Check if the clips are damaged or stress-whitened, and if necessary, replace them with new ones.
   - Push the clips into place securely.

4-DOOR

1. If equipped, remove the trunk lid trim {see **TRIM REMOVAL/INSTALLATION - TRUNK LID**).
2. Remove the bolt securing the trunk lid lock cylinder (see step 2 on page 20-261).
3. Detach the clips by pushing it from the hole in the trunk lid (A), then remove the rear license trim (B). Take care not to scratch the trunk lid.

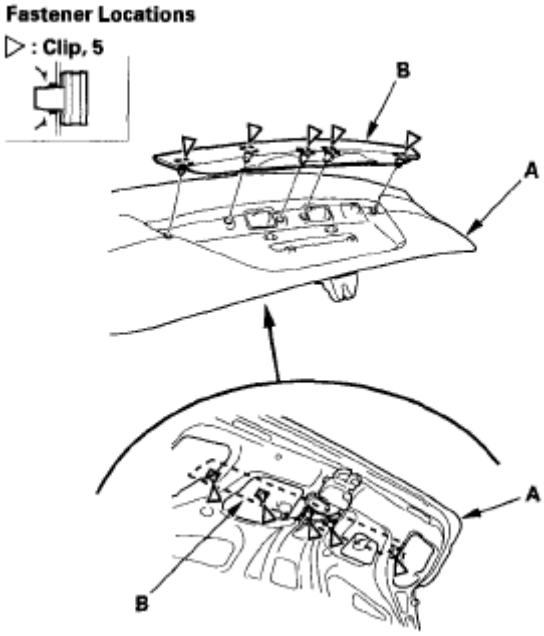

Fig. 28: Removing Rear License Trim

4. Install the trim in the reverse order of removal, and check if the clips are damaged or stress-whitened, and if necessary, replace them with new ones.

TRUNK LID SPOILER REPLACEMENT

2-DOOR (EXCEPT SI MODEL)

NOTE:

- **Put on gloves to protect your hands.**
- **Take care not to scratch the trunk lid.**

1. Open the trunk lid, and remove the nuts (A) from inside the trunk lid, and push out the clips (B).

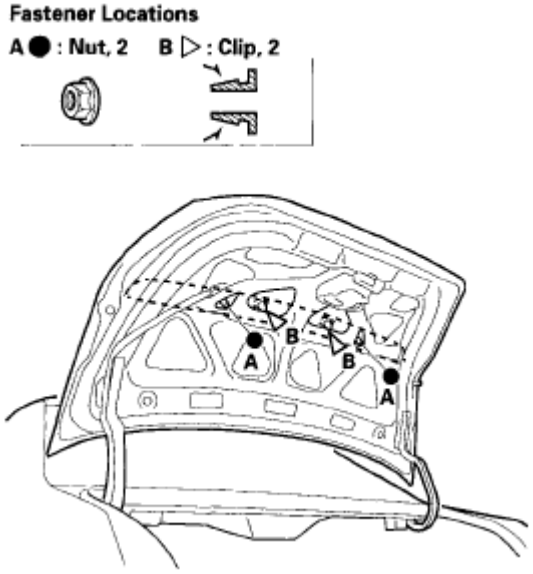

Fig. 29: Removing Nuts Inside Trunk Lid

2. Close the trunk lid. Pull the trunk lid spoiler (A) up to release the clips from the grommets (B) on the trunk lid while removing the adhesive tape (C), then remove the spoiler.

Adhesive tape:

Thickness 1.2 mm (0.05 in.)
Width 8 mm (0.3 in.)
Length 15 mm (0.59 in.)

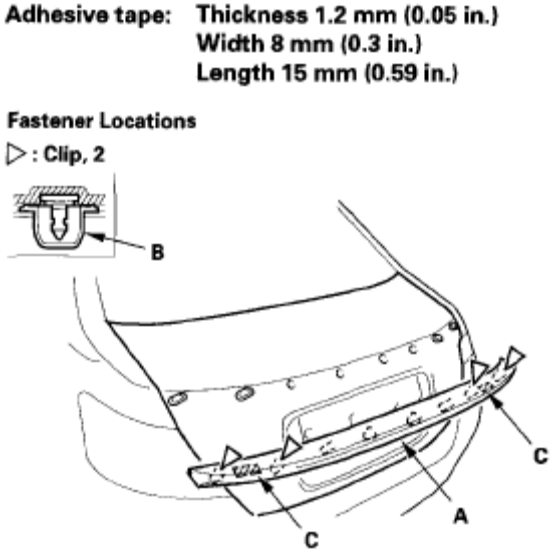

Fig. 30: Releasing Clips From Grommets

3. Install the spoiler in the reverse order of removal. Check if the clips are damaged or stress-whitened, and if necessary, replace them with new ones.

2-DOOR (SI MODEL)

NOTE:

- **Put on gloves to protect your hands.**
- **Take care not to scratch the trunk lid.**

1. Open the trunk lid, and remove the nut (A) and bolts (B) from inside the trunk lid.

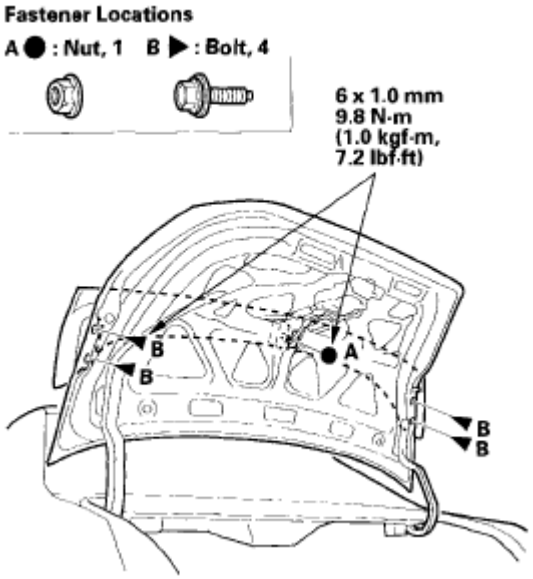

Fig. 31: Removing Trunk Lid Bolts And Nut (With Specifications)

2. Close the trunk lid. While lifting the trunk lid spoiler (A) up, disconnect the high mount brake light terminals (B) from the spoiler subharness (C), then remove the spoiler.

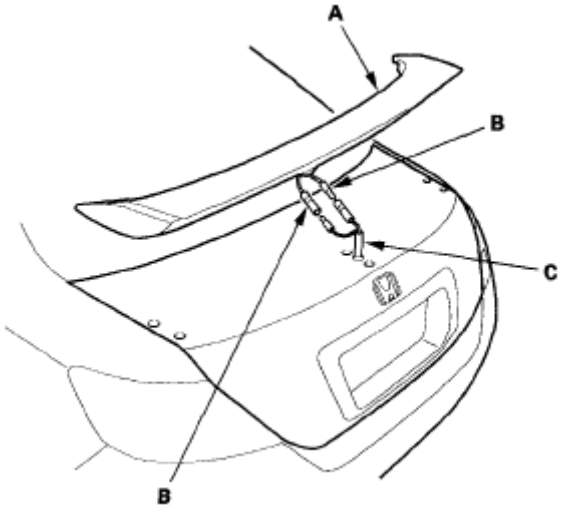

Fig. 32: Disconnecting High Mount Brake Light Terminals

3. Install the spoiler in the reverse order of removal, and make sure the high mount brake light terminals are plugged in properly.

4-DOOR (SI MODEL)

NOTE:

- **Put on gloves to protect your hands.**
- **Take care not to scratch the trunk lid.**

1. Open the trunk lid, and remove the nuts from inside the trunk lid.

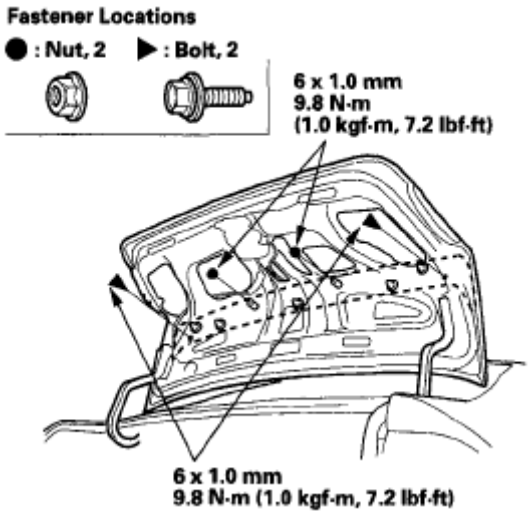

Fig. 33: Removing Trunk Lid Nuts (With Specifications)

2. Push out the clips from inside the trunk lid.

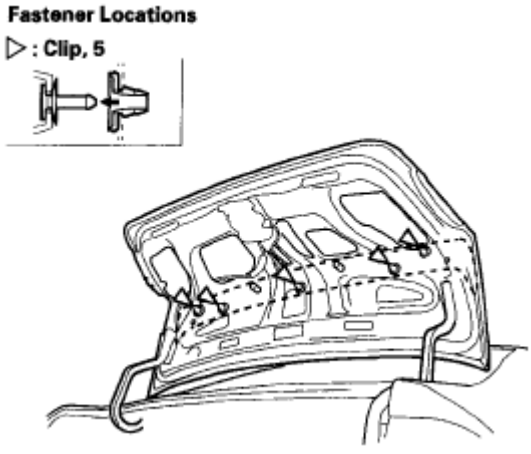

Fig. 34: Pushing Out Clips From Inside Trunk Lid

3. Close the trunk lid. While lifting the trunk lid spoiler (A) up, disconnect the high mount brake light terminals (B) from the spoiler subharness (C), then remove the spoiler.

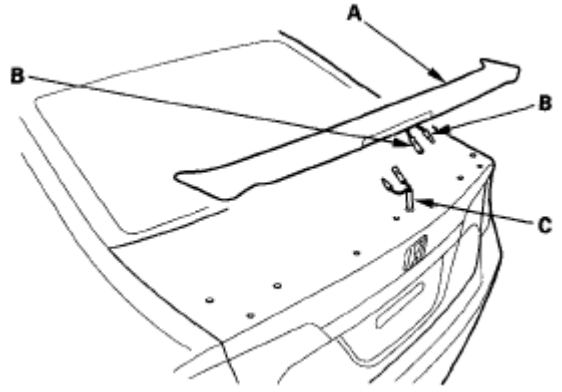

Fig. 35: Disconnecting High Mount Brake Light Terminals

4. Install the spoiler in the reverse order of removal, and make sure the high mount brake light terminals are plugged in properly.

EMBLEM/STICKER REPLACEMENT

NOTE: When removing the emblems, take care not to scratch the body.

2-DOOR

1. Except Si model: To remove the front "H" emblem, remove the front grille (see **FRONT GRILLE REPLACEMENT**).
2. Si model: To remove the front "H" emblem, or the front Si emblem, remove the front grille (see **SI MODEL**).
3. Clean the body surface with a sponge dampened in alcohol. After cleaning, keep oil, grease, and water from getting on the surface.
4. Apply the emblem/sticker where shown:
   - When installing the LEV sticker on the inside surface of the left quarter glass, align the sticker with the edge of the glass mark and black ceramic as shown, then press the sticker into place, and remove the application tape.
   - When installing the side i-VTEC sticker on the body, align notches in the application tape with the edge of the body and door opening, then press the sticker into place, and remove the application tape.

5. Except Si model: After installing the front "H" emblem, reinstall the front grille (see **FRONT GRILLE REPLACEMENT**).
6. Si model: After installing the front "H" emblem or the front Si emblem, reinstall the front grille (see **SI MODEL**).

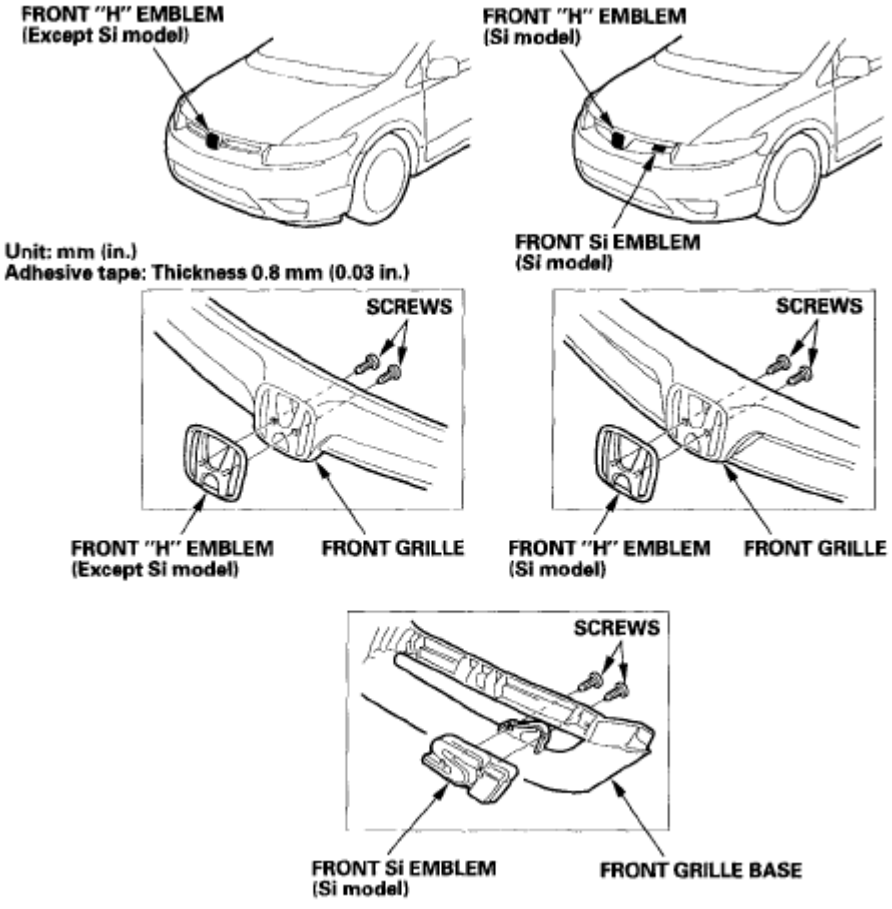

Fig. 36: Replacing Emblem/Sticker (With Specifications) (1 Of 2)

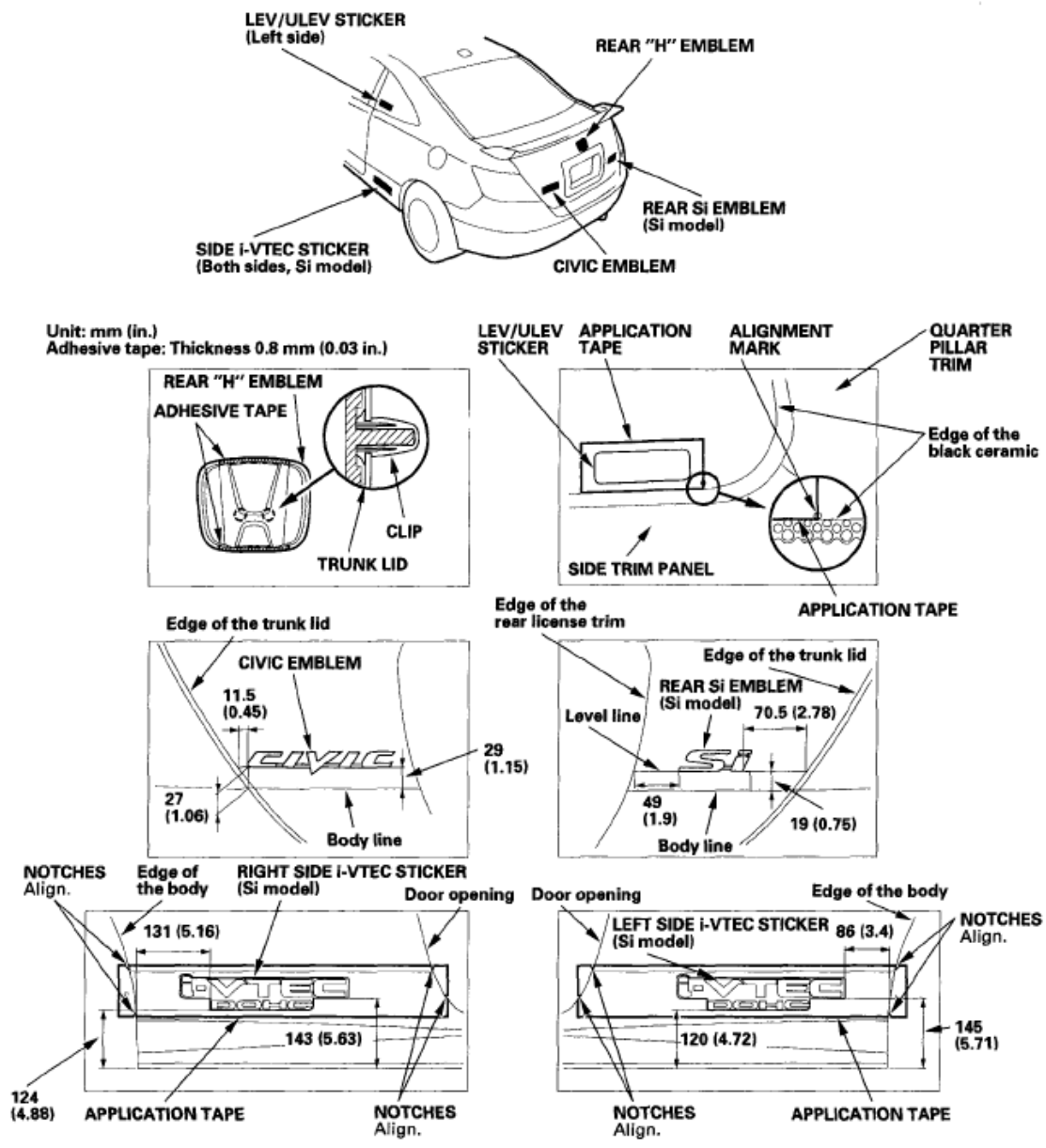

Fig. 37: Replacing Emblem/Sticker (With Specifications) (2 Of 2)

NOTE: When removing the emblems, take care not to scratch the body.

4-DOOR

1. Except Si model: To remove the front "H" emblem, remove the front grille (see **FRONT GRILLE REPLACEMENT**).
2. Si model: To remove the front "H" emblem or the front Si emblem, remove the

front grille (see **SI MODEL**).

3. Clean the body surface with a sponge dampened in alcohol. After cleaning, keep oil, grease, and water from getting on the surface.
4. Apply the emblem/sticker where shown:
   - When installing the LEV sticker on the inside surface of the left quarter glass, align the sticker with the edge of the glass mark and black ceramic as shown, then press the sticker into place, and remove the application tape.
   - When installing the side i-VTEC sticker on the body, align notches in the application tape with the edge of the body and door opening, then press the sticker into place, and remove the application tape.
5. Except Si model: After installing the front "H" emblem, reinstall the front grille (see **FRONT GRILLE REPLACEMENT**).
6. Si model: After installing the front "H" emblem or the front Si emblem, reinstall the front grille (see **SI MODEL**).

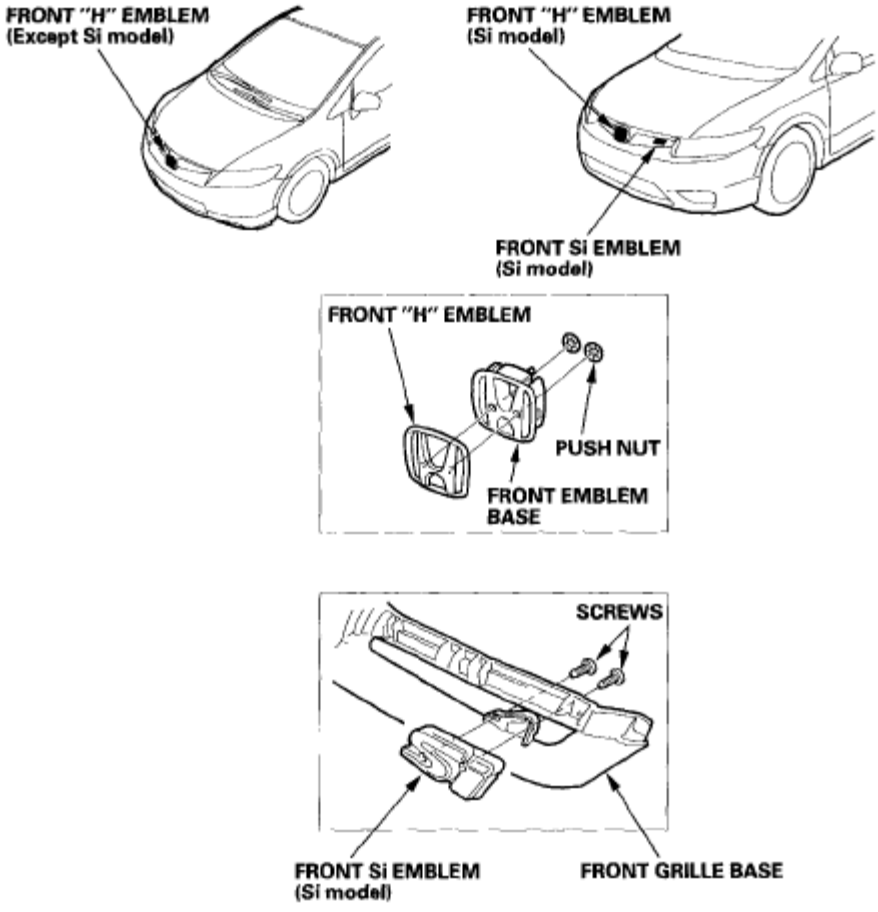

Fig. 38: Removing Emblem/Sticker (With Specifications) (1 Of 2)

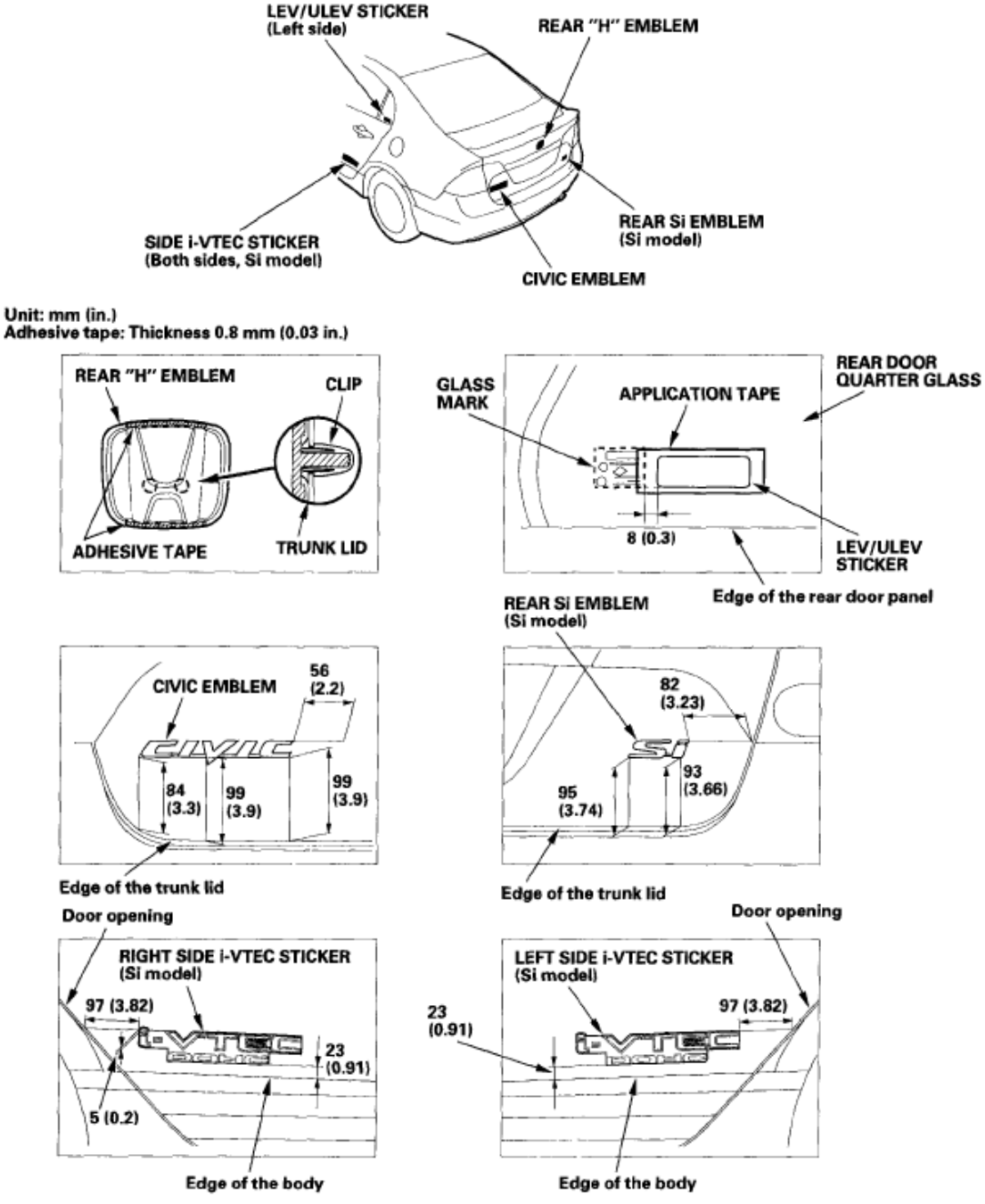

Fig. 39: Removing Emblem/Sticker (With Specifications) (2 Of 2)